IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

a first barrier element for bounding a carriageway, said first barrier element comprising:

a guide element extending along a longitudinal axis, the guide element comprising a foot part located on an underside of the guide element transversely to the longitudinal axis of the guide element,

wherein the foot part is provided with a base plate on a first end of the guide element,

a second end of the guide element enclosing a first interior space,

the base plate comprising parts of a first tenon and mortise connecting system as a first connecting means for connecting the first barrier element to a second barrier element,

a second barrier element comprising second connecting means comprising parts of a second tenon and mortise system of the second barrier element for interacting with the first connecting means,

wherein fixing means for accommodating a fixing element for fixing the first barrier element relative to the carriageway is provided on the first end of the first barrier element, and

wherein the fixing means comprises a fixing plate provided with feed-through holes, wherein the base plate and the fixing plate may be the same plate or different plates.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the fixing plate is the base plate.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the fixing means comprise a feed-through bush between the fixing plate and the foot part.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the fixing means are fitted near the guide element.

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus element according to Claim 1, wherein the holes of the fixing plate are within the interior of the second barrier element.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the second connecting means is located within a second interior space of the second barrier element.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the base plate and the fixing plate are the same plate, and there are six holes therein, two of which are fitted near the foot.

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein four of the remaining six holes in the base plate are fitted on the corner points of a rectangle.

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the foot part of the guide element has flanged bottom edges provided below the feed-through holes of the fixing plate, and the fixing means includes one of a bolt, nail, and rivet that can be arranged to pass through one of the feed-through holes and its associated feed-through bush to fix the first barrier element to the carriageway.

10. (Previously Presented) A barrier element for bounding a carriageway comprising:

a guide element extending along a longitudinal axis, the guide element includes a foot part located on an underside of the guide element transversely to the longitudinal axis of the guide element, the guide element having a left end and a right end along said longitudinal axis,

wherein the foot part is provided with a base plate having a fixing portion that extends from one of the left end and right end of the guide element, and the fixing portion has at least one feed-through hole therein to permit a fixing element to pass through the hole and secure the barrier element to the carriageway, and

wherein the base plate further comprises a tenon and mortise connection system having one of a tenon and a mortise arranged in the fixing portion extending from one of the left end or right end of the guide element, and the other of the tenon and mortise being arranged in the base

plate at the other of the left end or right end of the guide element, so that the barrier element is connectable via the tenon and mortise arrangement to another barrier element.

11. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising the fixing element and the carriageway, wherein the first barrier element is fixed to the carriageway by the fixing element, wherein one portion of the fixing element is fixed in a respective said feed through hole of the fixing plate, and another portion of the fixing element is attached to the carriageway.

12. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the fixing element is selected from the group consisting of bolts, nails, rivets, clamps and screws.

13. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the fixing element comprises a nail.

14. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 10, further comprising the fixing element and the carriageway, wherein the first barrier element is fixed to the carriageway by the fixing element, wherein one portion of the fixing element is fixed in a respective said feed through hole of the fixing plate, and another portion of the fixing element is attached to the carriageway.

15. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the fixing element is selected from the group consisting of bolts, nails, rivets, clamps and screws.

16. (New) The apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the fixing element comprises a nail.